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**Subject: Message #29: PD for ESOL Educators**

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**To: [adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us](mailto:adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us)**

**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

I wanted to make you aware of two upcoming training opportunities specifically designed for educators working with English Learners. Please share with your administrators and teachers so they may have the opportunity to participate!

November 5-6, 2015: Arkansas Education Association's Conference, Little Rock

To Register or for more information: <http://www.aeaonline.org/teach/>

Paula Johnson from the Intercultural Development and Research Association is coming to present to Arkansas educators this year!

**Engagement-Based Sheltered Instruction (EBSI): Assuring Educational Opportunities for Every Child**  
This interactive two day session will explore research-based instruction that enables educators to implement engaging sheltered instruction to improve the academic performance for English language learners, while improving instruction for all students. Participants will learn effective strategies for teachers serving English learners across all grade levels.

**Day 1**

This workshop addresses the learning needs of English language learners, the contexts of learning, sheltered instruction principles, the nature of student engagement and strategies for instruction based on language proficiency level. As a result of this professional development experience, teachers will be able to deliver engaging sheltered instruction that is rigorous, structured, accountable and meaningful.

**Day 2**

This workshop is designed to expand participants' capacity to differentiate instructional materials and curriculum according to Content, Process, and Products for English language learners. Utilizing the EBSI model, teachers will examine the development of academic vocabulary and language proficiency through higher order questioning and cooperative grouping methods. As a result of this professional development experience, teachers will be able to effectively design and implement instruction that incorporates second-language acquisition strategies and builds content knowledge.

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*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*





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You may register for one or both workshops via escworks (linked at the website above) and look for the following sessions:

Thursday: Session # 14548 Engagement Based Sheltered Instruction: (EBSI): Assuring Educational Opportunities for Every Child Day 1 From 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Friday: Session # 14549 Engagement Based Sheltered Instruction: (EBSI): Assuring Educational Opportunities for Every Child Day 2 From 12:00 - 4:30 pm

December 7, 2015: ARKTESOL Conference, Hot Springs

<http://www.hotsprings.org/events/event/1771/>

This is the annual gathering of educators working with English Learners in Arkansas! Experience break-out session from your peers, hear a keynote session from Kelly Gallagher, explore the exhibits, enjoy networking with fellow ESOL colleagues, and even hear from ADE at some break-out sessions. More information may be located at <http://www.arktesol.org/>

Hope to see you there!

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